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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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OPINIONS OF PRIVATE DUTY NURSES

I

DEAR EDITOR: I see in the March JOURNAL, in Editorial Comment, that private duty nurses contribute a small amount of literature to the JOURNAL and are the most critical. That may be true, but I wish to say one private duty nurse fully appreciates all efforts made in the JOURNAL literature. The departments are all inspiring and beneficial. The work of the Foreign and Red Cross Departments, I find especially interesting.

Indiana.

B. B. K.

II

DEAR EDITOR: I have been much interested in your article relating to private duty nurses organizing and, through that organization disciplining or weeding out unfit or unprofessional nurses. I hope you will often repeat the fact that there is too much organization. It seems to me that it means putting responsibility on some one else, rather than realizing that we, as individuals, need to be upholders of what we represent. Careful drilling in that line while under instruction in the training school will impress the fact, though we know all do not live up to their training, and instructors in every branch who live what they teach will do much. The alumnae members should be loyal to the school as well as to each other. I think that possibly if our conventions were held every two years, instead of every year, more effort might be made by a greater number of nurses to attend.

Rhode Island.

H. J. B.

SALARIES OF CANADIAN RED CROSS NURSES

DEAR EDITOR: Several months ago I read a letter in the JOURNAL which stated that the Red Cross nurses from Canada receive only \$20 a month while on overseas service. I think in justice to the Canadian government, an explanation should be made. The Red Cross nurses of Canada are not, as in the United States, the government militia nurses, but a very different organization. The Red Cross nurses serve under the British Red Cross Association and they do not employ all graduate nurses. The Canadian government sends only graduate nurses with the title of lieutenant, the matron or supervisors having the title of captain. The militia nurses receive \$3.60 a day and all expenses; an extra allowance is given for the uniforms. The large proportion of nurses who have gone from Canada, have gone as militia nurses.

Ottawa.

A. G. S.